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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) A scanner unit comprising:

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a carriage provided with a frame extending in a first direction along a document surface of a document set substantially horizontal, and an optical member mounted on the frame to illuminate the document surface and guide light reflected from the document surface to a light receiving element;

a rail extending along the document surface in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, and mounting thereon the frame such that the frame can slide in the second direction;

a first inhibiting element which receives a part of the frame when the carriage has slid along the rail to hold a position to inhibit a movement of the frame in the first direction; and

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